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### VIRGINIA IN 1681-82.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO LORD CULPEPER.

(Continued from XXVII, 61)

- 23            You shall likewise take especial care with  
To regulate the advice and consent of the said Council,  
fees Etc.        to regulate all Salaries and fees belonging to  
                 or paid upon emergencies that they be within  
                 the bounds of moderation and that noe exaction  
                 bee made upon any occasion whatsoever.
- 24            And that God Almighty may be more inclined  
Divine wor- to bestow His Blessing upon us and you in the  
ship to be        improvement of that Our Colonie you shall  
observed        take especial care that He bee devoutly and  
and the Sac-        duely served in all the Government. The book  
raments ad-        of Common Prayer as it is now established read  
ministered        each Sunday and Holiday, and the Blessed Sac-  
according to        cording to the rites of the Church of England.  
the Church        You shall be careful that the Churches al-  
of                ready built there shall be well and orderly kept  
England.        and more built as the Colonies by God's Bless-  
                 sing bee improved, And that besides a compe-  
                 tent maintenance to bee assinged to the Min-  
The                ister of each church a convenient house be  
Churches to        built at the common charge for each Minis-  
be well            ter and One hundred acres of Land assigned  
kept and        him for a Glebe and exercise of his industry  
more            to be built as  
to be built as        colonie improves
- That besides  
a competent  
mainten-

ance each min-  
ister to have  
a comforta-  
ble home &  
100 acres of  
Land

## 25

Not to prefer  
any Minister  
without cer-  
tificate from  
the Bp. of  
London and  
that no vestry  
be held with-  
out a Minister.

And Our Will and Pleasure is that noe Minis-  
ter be preferred by you to any Ecclesiasticai  
Benifice in that Our Colonie without a certifi-  
cate from the Lord Bishop of London of his  
being conformable to the doctrine and disci-  
pline of the Church of England. And Our  
Pleasure is that in the direction of all church  
affairs the Minister be admitted into the re-  
spective vesteries.

## 26

To the inhabi-  
tants that  
an account  
of their griev-  
ances is  
received and  
the redress  
ordered

And it is Our Will and Pleasure that you doe  
signify at your arrival unto the Inhabitants of  
Our snid Colonie that Wee, have by the, hands  
of Our Late Commissioners received an ac-  
count of their grievances and by these Our In-  
structions given unto you ordered such redress  
as they have deserved.

## 27

Courts of  
Judicature  
not to be ad-  
journed but  
upon good  
grounds—  
Orders to be  
made and  
entered in  
Court.

And you are to take care that the Courts of  
Judicature be not adjourned but upon good  
grounds. And whereas complaint has been  
made unto Us that the orders of Court are en-  
tered in the absence of the magistrates and  
sometimes penned in private at the Magis-  
trates' house; you are to take care to pre-  
vent the said abuses.

## 28

Sittenborn

You are likewise to give order that Sitten-  
born Parish bee furnished with Arms as the

Parish to be  
furnished  
with Arms  
as the rest.  
Storehouses to  
be settled

29

Followers  
of Bacon not  
to hold office

30

To punish  
vice and not  
to admit any  
of ill fame to  
Publick Im-  
ployment.

31

To recom-  
mend to the  
assembly a  
way of levying  
money more  
equal than  
that by  
polls

32

To recom-  
mend to y<sup>e</sup>  
Assembly to  
raise an  
impost upon  
liquors and  
to permit

rest of the County and that a fit place be ap-  
pointed to keep them. As also fit store-houses  
be settled throughout Our said Colonie for re-  
ceiving and keeping of Arms Ammunition  
and other Publick Stores.

And it is our express command that such  
persons as shall upon due proofs appear to hae  
have willfully followed Bacon during the Late  
Rebellion, be not admitted into offices of trust,  
without good reason for the same.

You are to take care that drunkenness and  
debauchery, swearing and Blasphemy be se-  
verely punished—And that none be admitted  
to Publick Trust and Imployment whom ill-  
fame and conversation may bring scandal  
thereupon.

And whereas it hath been represented unto  
us that y<sup>e</sup> late Taxes which have been levied  
by Poll within Our said Colonie have been  
very heavy and burthersome unto Our Sub-  
jects there, you are to recommend to the said  
Assembly the consideration and Setting of  
such a way for raising money upon necessary  
occasions as shall be more equal and accept-  
able to Our Subjects there, than the present  
method of Levying the same by Poll and  
Tytheables.

And whereas it hath been represented unto  
us that a duty to be raised upon liquors im-  
ported into that Our Colonie would be the  
most easy means that can be found out for the  
better support of that Our Government, you  
are therefore to recommend to the Assembly  
the raising of such an Imports which you shall  
permit them to appropriate in such manner

them to appropriate it to the Gov't.

that it may be applied unto the uses of the Government and to none other whatsoever

33  
To recommend to the Assembly to settle a reasonable allowance of Tax upon Tobacco.

And you are also recommended to the Assembly to setting a more certain and reasonable allowance of Tax upon Tobacco exported than is at this time practiced in Virginia.

34  
The members of the Assembly to be elected by the Freeholders.

You shall further take care that the members of the Assembly be elected only by Freeholders as being more agreeable to the custom of England to which you are as near as conveniently you can to conform yourself.

35  
the salary of the members of this Assembly.

And you shall reduce the Salary of the members of the Assembly to such a moderate proportion, as may be no grievance to this Country.

36  
To take care that Assemblys do not sit longer than necessary.

And you will likewise to take care that the Assembly called by you from time to time doe not sit any longer than you shall find necessary.

37  
No man's life, member or estate to be harmed but by Law

Our Will and Pleasure is and We doe hereby require and command you that noe man's life member Freehold or goods be taken away or harmed in Our said Colonie but by established and known laws not repugnant to, but as much as conveniently may bee agreeable to the Laws of Our Kingdom of England.

38  
To administer the Oaths

You shall administer the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy to the members and offices of the Council and Assembly, all

of Allegiance  
& Supremacy  
to all officers  
and to permit  
liberty of con-  
science to all  
except Papists,  
so they dis-  
turb not the  
Government.

## 39

All planters  
and Christian  
Servants to  
be well armed  
mustered, etc.

judges and Justices and all other persons that hold any office in the said Colony by vertue of any patent unddr Our Great Seal of England or the Public Seal of Virginia. And you are to permit a liberty of to all other persons (except Papists) soe they be contented with a quiet and peacable enjoyment of it, not giving offence or scandal to the Government.

You shall take care that all planters and Christian Servants bee well and fitly provided with Arms, and that they be Listed under Officers and when and as often as you shall think fit Musreted and Trained whereby they may be in a better readiness for the defence of Our said Colonie and Dominion under your government.

## 40

Not to make  
too frequent  
and unnecessary  
marches.

An you are to take special care that neither the foregoing nor unreasonableness of remote marches, muster and Trainings be an unnecessary impediment to the affairs of the Planters.

## 41

To appoint  
fit Com-  
manders  
for the Borders

And to the greater security of that Our Colony you are to appoint fit Officers and Commanders in the several parts of the Country bordering upon the Indians who upon an Invasion may raise men and arms to oppose them untill they shall receive further directions from you, Our Governor or the Commander in Chief of Our said Colonie for the time being.

## 42

To signify  
his  
sense of the  
Loyalty of  
Accomack.

And whereas it doth appear unto Us that the Province of Accomack did in noe manner contribute to the said Rebellion, but always expressed their loyalty unto Us and Our Government during the same, you are therefore upon all occasions to signify Our gracious sense of their constant Loyalty, by such marks of favor as may conveniently be given them.

43            You shall take an Inventory of all Arms  
To take an    Ammunition and Stores remaining in Our  
acc<sup>t</sup>. of all    any of Our Magazines or Garrisons in Our said  
Arms and    Colonie and send an account of them yearly  
Stores.    to Us by one of Our principal Secretarys  
of State, and to the Lords of Our Privy Coun-  
cil appointed a Committee for Trade & Plan-  
tations.

44            You shall likewise demand an account  
To demand    from Sir Henry Chicheley and all other per-  
an acc<sup>t</sup> from    sons concerned how the Arms, Ammunition &  
Commander    Stores sent by Our order or from the office of  
in Chief how    Our Ordnance in this Our Kingdom have been  
y<sup>e</sup> Stores sent    employed, and whether any of them, and how  
from the office    many have been sold, spent, lost, or decayed,  
of the Ordnance    or disposed of and to whom or to what uses.  
have been  
Imployed.

45            And for your better information therein  
To transmit    you shall herewith receive an account of what  
an account of    hath since Our Restoration, been issued out of,  
what Stores    or sent from the said office of Our Ordnance.  
have been    And you are also to demand an account of  
bought with    what other Arms and Amunition have been  
the publick    bought by former Governor with publick  
money.    moneys there for the Service of the said  
Colonie, and the same to transmit unto  
Us by one of Our principal Secretarys of  
State, or to the Lords of Our Privy Council  
appointed a Committee for Trade and Foreign  
Plantations.

46            And whereas we have been informed that  
That all    the grant of Our Royal Father of blessed mem-  
grants here-    ory heretofore made to that Our Colonies to  
to granted    exempt the Planters from paying Quit Rents  
exempting the    for the first seaven years did turn to the  
planters from    great prejudice of that Our Colonie, and that  
paying quit    many took occasion thereby to take and create

Rents for 7  
years be void,  
and to see that  
none take up  
more land  
than he can  
cultivate.

to themselves a Title to such quantities of Land which they never intended to, or in truth could occupy, or cultivate, it, but hereby only kept out others who would have planted and manured the same. Wee did therefore by Our Instructions given to Sir William Berkeley, Our late Governor of that Colonie, revoke all such grants as contrary to the intention of Our Royal Father and othe good of the people. Wee do likewise give the same directions unto you, that if any such grants be still insisted on the same be looked upon and taken to be void and of non effect.

And you are likewise to restrain the unlimited practice of taking up more lands than can reasonably be cultivated and to regulate all abuse herein.

47

That after  
the Patentees  
are satisfied  
all Quit Rents  
Escheate fines  
& forfeitures  
are applied to  
y<sup>e</sup> support of  
y<sup>e</sup> Govern-  
ment and to  
the building of  
a Fort, and to  
recommmend to  
the Assembly  
the raising  
money for the  
maintenance

And wherens Wee intended to take in Our Letter Patent whereby Wee have grated unto to divers of Our Subjects the property of all Lands lying within Our said Colonie of Virginia with all the Quit Rents and other privileges mentioned therein and to that end have given orders for satisfying the several Patentees. It is Our Will and Pleasure that the Quit Rents which shall hereafter become due unto Us (the respective Patentees being first satisfied) as also the Escheats, Fines and Forfeitures. be applied to the publick use and better support of the Government and particularly to the building of one considerable Fort in such place and manner as you by the advice of Our Council shall find necessary for the defence of the Country against Foeign Invasions and Intestine Seditions, and for the better carrying on of this work Wee do hereby direct you and Our woun- cil to reccomend very earnestly unto the next Assembly he raising of money towads the



thereof.

48

That the  
Quit Rents  
etc., be col-  
lected with as  
little charge as  
may be.

more speedy building an necessary mainten-  
ance of such a Fort. And Wee doe further  
direct you to take due care that Our Quit  
Rents, Escheats, Fines and Forfeitures be  
collected and recived with as little charge as  
may bee and that they be paid according to  
the Reservation in money or in Tobacco ad.  
valorem.

49

To take charge  
of the Stores  
now sent  
and to see  
that His  
Maj'tie be  
reimbursed  
for such as  
shall bee dis-  
posed of—and  
that castle  
Dutys be paid  
in Powder  
Shot or Money

You shall take into your custody such Pow-  
der, Arms and Ammunition as Wee shall send  
with you, And the same you shall dispose of  
according to the exigency of Our affairs; but  
soe as we may be reimbursed, And you are to  
take care that all castle duty bee paid in pow-  
der and shot or money and in no other kind  
whatsoever.

50

To assist  
any other  
plantation  
in case of dis-  
tress.

In case of any distress of any of Our  
Plantations you shall upon application of  
the respective Governors thereof to assist  
them with what aid the condition and safty  
of your government can permit.

51

To transmit  
an yearly ac-  
count of all  
commodities  
Imported and  
Exported.

And that Wee may be the better informed  
of the trade of Our said Colonie and Territory  
under your government you are with the  
advice and consent of the said Council to  
take care that due entries be made in all  
parts of Our said Colonie of all goods and  
commodities Imported and Exported from  
thence and from and to what place they come

and goe. And that a yearly account thereof be transmited by you unto Us by the hands of one of Our pricipal Seretary's of State and to Our Committee for Trade and Foreign Plantations.

52 And you are to take especial care that all  
To take care Tobaccos shipt in Virginia from what part  
that Tobacco so ever they come doe pay Virginia Dutys.  
exported pay  
the duty.

53 And that all possible means may be used  
To take care for the security of Merchant ships in return  
that in time hence: you are hereby directed to take care  
of warr noe that in time of warr noe ship doe come from  
ships come Virginia but in fleets and at such times as  
away but in shall be notified from hence for their meet-  
fleets; and in ing of convoys, And in case of other danger  
case of other you are to expect directions from hence what  
dangers to precautions shall be necessary for their  
expect di- security.  
rections from  
hence.

54 And you are to take especial care that a Table  
A table of of Marriages established by tne cannons  
marriages of the Church of England be hung up in every  
to be hung church and duly observed. And you are to  
up in every endeavour to get a Law passed in the Assem-  
church and bly for the strict observance of the said Law  
for their  
observation.

55 And you are to carry over a sufficient num-  
To dispose ber of Books of Homilies and Books of the 39  
of Books of Articles of the Church of England to be dis-  
Homilies posed of to every Church. And you are to  
etc., to every take care that they be duly kept and used  
Church. therein.

56  
To suppress  
the ingrossing  
commodities  
and to regulate  
commerce.

You are to suppress the ingrossing of commodities tending to the prejudice of that freedom which commerce and Trade ought to have and settle such orders and regulations therein, with the advice of the Council as may bee most acceptable to y<sup>e</sup> generality of the inhabitants.

(To be Continued).